

It is a poor sermon that gives no offense; that neither makes the hearer displeased with himself nor with the preacher.

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PROSPERITY CANNOT BE A PROOF OF GOD'S FAVOR, SINCE IT IS WHAT THE DEVIL PROMISES TO THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM.

**"The evidence that you truly repented long ago when you said you did, is because you are still repenting now, and even to a greater degree."**

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## Sermons that kill

Sermons can often leave a deep impression and have a deep impact on those who listens to it. There are sermons which can be a great blessing but there are also sermons that kill. How can you spot the preacher whose sermons are deadly, whose sermons can kill? Deadly sermons always have one thing in common. They will come from the lips of a preacher who will proclaim a smooth message, a message that will never offend! Such preachers will scratch where it itches; they will tell their listeners just what they like to hear and they will feed the curiosity of their audience by providing them with exiting new revelations (revelations which are not found in the Bible and often contradict the word of God). The sermons of such men will always be subtle and smooth and they are designed to never cause any offence. Such smooth and seductive sermons are always aimed at the flesh for they provide rich nutrients for our egos while at the same time they poison the spirit within. They will also greatly exalt the man who proclaims them for such speakers are always out for the glory, they crave for respect, they desire even more recognition which builds up their egos when their soft, subtle words flow out through their lips.

There are 2 topics that such preachers will never address (and if they do they will always distort the true scriptural meaning and mislead their listeners instead). Such preachers will never talk about sin in our life and they will avoid any mention of hell. They must know deep inside that this is the place where they are heading to once this life is over. And just as Satan hates any mention of hell, so they also avoid to talk about it whatever the costs.

Sermons that kill will always feed our ego within!  
Sermons that kill will cater to our flesh instead of providing food for the spirit.  
Such sermons will subtly feed and nourish to our fleshly desires.  
The prosperity gospel is one such primary example of this!  
One of Australia's most famous preachers stood in front of a camera and shouted on top of his voice: "you need more money".  
Who would not like to be rich? In his sermon he promised his listeners all the riches which their hearts could desire. His promise of health and wealth has attracted tens of thousands of people to his church. He knows where it itches, he knows where it itches and his strategy

works. His followers have paid millions of dollars to come and listen to him. They are not interested in the words of the Bible. They care far more about what a man has to say than about the words of the book which God himself has inspired.

To many of his followers a man like this (and there are many all over the world) is like another living incarnation of God's word for whatever he says is their gospel.

It doesn't matter which sin keeps you in bondage, man like these will provide you with words of comfort and assurance so that you can feel much better about yourself even while you are still help captive by the chains of your sin.

Sermons that kill will never expose sin in your life!



Sermons that produce death will never address your true fallen nature and they will never expose what is really hidden inside of your heart. Sermons that kill will never lead you into the holy presence of God where you stand completely naked and totally exposed, where you see yourself like Isaiah did when he stood in the holy presence of God.

Sermons that kill will never expose you for who you really are, they will never make you see that you are a poor, wretched sinner who is in desperate need for salvation.

And because such man cannot cope with the true nature of God they have replaced Him with an idol.

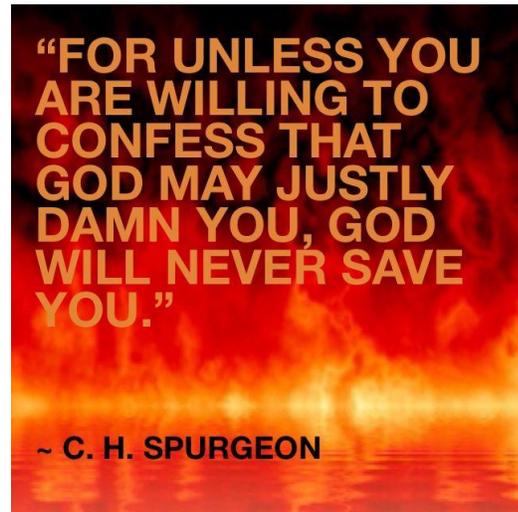
They have created an image of a false god of love which is a distortion of the true God of love which is only found in the Bible.

They have replaced the one and only true God with an idol, with a god which they themselves have created.

Sermons that kill will never deal with the real sins in your life.

Such sermons will try to hide and cover those sins instead and they will do so by proclaiming a superficial, a false 'grace' that is not found in scripture (it is an imitation of grace which has no true foundation at all)

Consequently the listener can feel good about himself (for that is always the design of sermons that kill, to make the sinner feel good about himself in his sinful state without exposing the sins in his life) Because of that his listeners will see no need for repentance.



Satan hates repentance for true repentance eliminates his legal claim on a person.

The ultimate tragedy of such sermons is that sermons that kill will produce death for they will gradually kill the spirit within!

This is why such preachers are never harmless.

This is why listening to such people is never a harmless affair!

It is precisely for this reason that so many books, so many chapters and so many verses in the Bible have been written to warn us about them.

Scripture is full of warnings about heretics, warnings about false teachers and false teaching, yet so many of God's people still flock to those who are out to

deceive them, who want to poison their hearts and who will destroy their spirit from within.

There are 2 reasons behind the seduction of God's precious children today.

The first is an unfortunate lack of knowledge and understanding of the word of God.

Someone who knows, who understands God's word will be much less likely seduced by the lying spirits of such dangerous man than someone who has limited knowledge about God's word.

One of those toxic, lying preachers who has poisoned the hearts and minds of so many stood in front a large congregation. There he assured his listeners that even the unsaved will still get a 2<sup>nd</sup>. chance after they die and can still have the opportunity to accept the Lord when he appears to them once they have died.

The thousands of people who packed this massive meg- church building were spell bound by this mans 'new' revelation. They were taken in by his words of assurance. Who would not like to believe that a dead relative, a loved one who was not saved could still be saved after they died? There was no one who stood up and who challenged this man to produce 1 single verse in the Bible which would support his false claim. The reason why this man was applauded for his

'new' revelation was because he preached to a church which had no knowledge and no understanding of the word of God.

When Christians don't know the word of God they become easy prey for Satan's lies and deception.

Instead of challenging those false claims of such preachers most gullible Christians simply sit back and believe what they have been told.

Ignorance of the word of God can be deadly at times!

**THE CLOSER YOU COME TO GOD THE MORE OF THE WORLD YOU MUST LEAVE BEHIND. THE TWO ARE POLAR OPPOSITES, MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE, INCOMPATIBLE.**

**PAUL WASHER**

The other reason why such seducers have so much success today is that their message is directly aimed at the flesh.

Instead of preaching a message of total surrender, of sacrificing our lusts and desires and of submitting ourselves whole heartily to God such false preachers deceive their listeners with promises of great material gain and of spiritual self-fulfillment.

Their false teaching has removed God from the center and it has once again placed men at the very center of God's vast universe.

God (or the idol of love which has been created) has simply been degraded to the role of a butler. God's role is primarily to serve our needs. Everything is centered around us, our worship music in church (which is aimed to give us a 'spiritual' high, to make us feel warm, cozy and good) our false image of god, our sermons which scratch where it itches, everything is always solely focused on us. We call out and god has to deliver.

The role of the divine butler is to make sure that his flock live in great material abundance and always remain in excellent health.

Ironically it is the people who preach this false message who have cashed in on the great butlers reward (who have been greatly rewarded for telling such lies).

Scripture has warned us about them since it was written!

**2. Peter 2:3** tells us that such man do immeasurable damage to the image of our Lord (which is so true if we look at the global press and read about the damage such man have done to the cause of Christ).

'Many will follow in their depravity, and because of them the way of the truth will be defamed.

In their greed, these false teachers will exploit you with tales they themselves have concocted.'

This is the most perfect description of today's 'faith' and 'prosperity' preachers.

They have concocted a good story and with their lies they have deceived many thousands of Christians all over the world.

Whenever you see a preacher who has gained material wealth at the hands of his own congregation (and of other Christians) you are looking at the very person that Peter was talking about!

Such deceivers are in essence thief's who have cheated God's

church out of millions of dollars and have used that money for their own personal gain (the list of prosperity preachers is long, of man and woman who have made many millions of dollars out of their dishonest ministries).

And in order to justify their greed and their sinful desires they have concocted a good story which far too many believed.

It is time that God's people return back to the scripture and challenge the sins and the lies of such deceivers!

God's word is the only defense that we have against the lies of the devil and against the deception of such greedy imposters.



Unless we repent for following such lying spirits who dwell in our midst and return to the truth of God's word we will always remain exposed to the lies and deception of those who will make merchandize out of us in the future.

Now is the time to turn back to the Lord!

Now is the time to destroy our idol, now is the time to repent and to seek the Lord once again.

A church which does not uphold the word (the Bible), which replaces truth with a myth (with made up stories) will never be a church where the spirit resides.

In such a church there will be no conviction of sin (in the lying words of one such deceiver "the Holy Spirit will never convict a person of sin")

Instead of conviction of sin there will be show, noise, emotions and much contemporary music. At times there may even be some tears but those tears will be different to the tears of someone who has been truly convicted by the Holy Spirit of God.

The show and the drama that such churches produces is no different to the show and the drama that we find in a Hollywood movie.

The only tears that will be accepted by God are the tears of repentance, the tears that will lead to our sanctification for whenever His spirit is truly at work such tears will continue to flow. Such tears are the outward evidence that God is cleansing our soul!

All other tears are cheap imitations and they will never move (nor bless) the heart of our father.

No wonder that those lying spirits (false teachers) which are found in so many of our churches today have such an aversion to repentance.

Some have even tried to dissociate the work of the Holy Spirit with genuine repentance (and have managed to deceive and fool all those who do not know their Bible for scripture so clearly exposes this lie).

For it is they themselves which try hard to protect that darkness which has conquered their hearts.

Sincere repentance is continual. Believers repent until their dying day. This dropping well is not intermittent.

Charles Spurgeon

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Once God's spirit opens a person's eyes he will be able to see right through such false preachers and he will be able to discern the darkness which resides in their hearts.

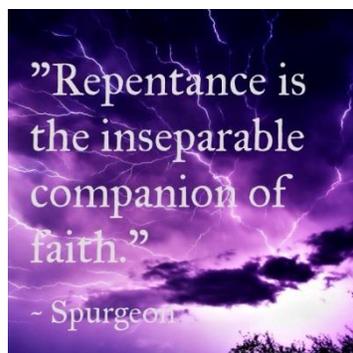
Satan hates our belief in the inerrancy of scripture for it is the scripture which expands the truth and which exposes all errors and lies. It is the scripture which brings to light all subtle deceptions and makes transparent the lies of the devil. Our adversary hates a humble spirit for it is only a spirit of humility that can bring the heart to repentance.

Repentance removes the enemies claim and authority over a person.

This is why Satan will come up with so many lies in order to distort the truth about repentance so that he can confuse our mind and mislead our understanding.

He will deceive us by replacing the work of the Holy Spirit with

an empty show of emotions (similar to that of a famous Hollywood movie where he has erected one of his thrones today) But once a person has received a true touch of God he will see himself for who he really is in God's holy presence.



Every sin, every speck of dirt, anything that is unclean before the propping eyes of the Lord will show up as a mighty offence to both himself as well as to the Spirit of God who has revealed it to him.

When a person has a true touch of the spirit he will not fall over and put on a great show (as is so often the case in many Pentecostal churches), he will run to the cross instead for he will know that it is only at the cross where he can gain access to the blood of our Lord, to the blood which alone has the power to cleanse us from all sin.

A person who claims that he has stood at the cross but who has never had a deep urge and desire to repent has never truly stood in front of the feet of our savior.

'Rebirth' and 'repentance' are as much interlinked with each other (part of each other) as an engine is part of a car.

A new car may look flash and impressive (and may look expensive as well) but it will be an illusion, a deception if this new car has no engine. Without an engine such a car will never be able to do what it promises to do by its external appearance. It will never be able to take us from one place to the next.



There are large mega-churches in the world today who are just like this car for they no longer preach a message of repentance.

The pastors of such churches will avoid any mention of sin and of judgment. Their messages focus entirely on health, wealth and on self-fulfillment instead. Such churches are no different to the new car which looks impressive on the outside but which in essence is totally useless if it misses the engine.

Such churches are often full of young people who know how to put on a great show. Such churches have the money and they love all the glamor but they can never transport their members (spiritually speaking) from this life to the next (take a sinner from a life of condemnation to a life free of sin and guilt).

The church of Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-22) was one such example. It was the church that had it all. It had the money, it had the power, it had achieved great recognition, it was full of people and full of life (or so it appeared) but it was the church that made Jesus sick. It was the church which Jesus threatened to spit out of his mouth. He did not want to be associated with this church for it was such an offense to him.

The pastors of such churches today have become multi-millionaires (mainly at the expense of their 'faithful' followers)

The have concocted up great stories and fables and replaced them with truth (2.Peter2:3)

The have replaced the inspired word of God with the lies of the snake!

Those who love God will always have a deep desire to draw closer to him and such Christians will never be offended by the deep conviction of the Holy Spirit when He exposes a sin in their life.

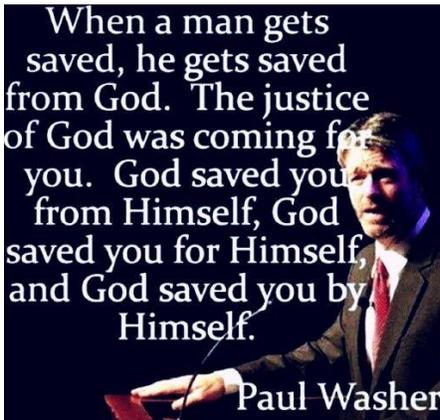
Conviction of sin is the only path to true sanctification!

Any other path is a deception. A wrong path will always lead into very serious error and it will lead us into eventual spiritual bondage.

We cannot be sanctified through our works just as we cannot be justified by them.



Conviction which is followed by repentance will never destroy a person but it will always produce new life which leads to spiritual growth.



There has never been 1 single revival in church history which has not been the result of deep conviction of sin.

A pastor who knows how to walk in the presence of God will never shy away from talking about sin and repentance.

Every Christian needs to hear this message again and again for how often do we stray from the wonderful presence of God.

How often do we replace Him with our fleshly desires (in particular those desires which are fostered by the lies of the prosperity preachers)

When a minister preaches about sin and repentance, when he shares a message which is truly inspired by God it will inevitably produce 2 kinds of responses in the hearts of his listeners.

It will either harden some hearts (the hearts of those who continue to live in their sin and persevere a life of self-deception) or it will soften others (the hearts of all those who truly seek after God).

Jesus told us 2000 years ago that he had come to bring division.

Today he still continues to divide the goats from the sheep.

He continues to divide those who are willing to live a life of total surrender, a life of sacrifice, a life of submission from those who only seek after their personal gain (who follow the words and the lies of the false prosperity gospel)

